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1. (C) WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING MUJAHEDIN COMMANDERS CONFERENCE HELD IN GHOR PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN, IN JUNE AND JULY.

2. (U) ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM THE AFGHAN INFORMATION CENTER IN PESHAWAR, THE PRIME MOVER FOR THE CONFERENCE, HELD JUNE 25 - JULY 23, WAS JAMIAT COMMANDER ISMAIL KHAN OF HERAT. AMONG THE OTHER NAMED RESISTANCE COMMANDERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE MULLAH NAQUB OF KANDAHAR, DR. FAZLULLAH OF LOGAR, ABDURRAHMAN OF HEZB-E ISLAMI (HEKMATYAR) PERHAPS FROM NURISTAN.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO A RECENT JAMIAT-E ISLAMI PRESS RELEASE, CONFERENCE WAS HELD FROM JULY 12 TO 23, A SHORTER PERIOD THAN THAT REPORTED BY THE AFGHAN INFORMATION CENTER. AT THE INVITATION OF ISMAIL KHAN. 1200 COMMANDERS OR REPRESENTATIVES FROM PROVINCES OF HERAT, GHOR, BADGHIS,

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FARYAB, FARAH, HELMAND, KANDAHAR, UROZGAN, WARDAK, LOGAR, AND KABUL PARTICIPATE IN ADDITION TO THE COMMANDERS MENTIONED ABOVE. JAMIAT EPORTS TH?? SAYAD MOHAMMAD AKBER (JAMIAT, FARYAB), ABDUL KAREEM (JAMIAT, BADGHIS), SAYED AYOUB (ITTEHAD ISLAMI, GHOR), HAJI AKHTER MOHAMMAD (MAHAZ, MURGHAB OF BADGHIS), MIRZA ABDUL RAHMAN (HEZB, TEYORA OF GHOR), AMANULLAH (HEZB, NAUYAD OF HELMAND), AND MULA MOHAMMAT SHAH (HARAKAT INQILAB, FARAH) ALSO PARTICIPATED.

4. (C) ONE OF THE FIRST REPORTS OF THE CONFERENCE (FROM VOA) DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS BEING POSSIBLY SPONSORED BY IRAN. THAT APPEARS TO BE ERRONEOUS. THE SPECULATION REGARDING A POSSIBLE IRANIAN ANGLE TO THE MEET MAY HAVE STEMMED FROM THE FACT THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN GHOR PROVINCE IN THE HAZARJAT AND MAY HAVE HAD SOME PARTICIPANTS FROM IRAN-BASED GROUPS.

5. (C) THE PUBLIC REACTION TO THE CONFERENCE FROM ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES IN PESHAWAR HAS BEEN RATHER MUTED. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE AT PRESENT THAT RESISTANCE LEADERS ARE AGGRIEVED THAT THE MEETING WAS HELD.

6. (C) WE WILL REPORT FURTHER FINDINGS ON CONFERENCE.

7. (U) KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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